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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14, 17-30, 33 and 34 are under consideration in the instant application.

Claims 1-14 and 17-24 are allowed.

Claims 25-30, 33 and 34 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 25, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), second paragraph, as being anticipated by Chien US6512478B1 in view of Waddel et al US6204813B1. The Examiner has also rejected claims 26, 27, 29, 33 and 34 as being obvious alternatives to the above claims.

While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 25-30, 33 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the prosecution. Applicant believes that this overcomes the rejections of the Examiner in this regard.

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place claims 1-14 and 17-24 in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview with the undersigned would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned at (301) 952-1011.

Respectfully submitted,

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